reported in the Business Standard dated 19th May, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of workers employed in these Undertakings;

(d) whether Government are also contemplating some economic package for other sick Public Sector Undertakings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) As on 31-3-1991, upto which period only the information is available, there are 54 sick industrial central public sector enterprises which are referable to BIFR under the provisions of sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985. The BIFR shall examine these cases for formulation of revival/rehabilitation plans. The National Renewable Fund has also been set up as a Safety Net for protecting the interest of the workers who are likely to be affected due to restructuring of these sick enterprises.

Increase in efficiency and profit of the Central PSU in Maharashtra

660. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Central Public Sector Undertakings in Maharashtra in which, capital investment has been decreased during the last three years;

(b) whether the efficiency and profit of these undertakings have increased as a result there of;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to further increase the efficiency and profits of these undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) There are 28 Central Public Sector Enterprises having their registered office in the State of Maharashtra. The investment and net profit/loss of each of the enterprises during last three years is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 9.]

(d) Enterprise specific action is taken by the concerned administrative Ministry/ Department and the enterprise to improve the performance of Central Public Sector Enterprises.

Setting up of new industries in Punjab

661. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number and nature of heavy industry likely to be set in Punjab in near future; and

(b) the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 549 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda were filed during August, 91 to October, 1992 for setting up of various delicensed industries in Punjab. In addition, 24 Letters of Intent and 9 Industrial Licences have been granted between 1st August, 1991 to 31-10-92 (i.e. since the announcement of the New Industrial Policy). Some of the prominent sectors are : Metallurgical industries, Transportation, Chemicals, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Sugar, Fermentation, etc.

(b) Of the 549 Memoranda filed 64 entrepreneurs have already stated their intention to commence commercial production.

Investment in heavy industries

662. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :